

PROGRESSIVE PROJECT

I am speaking up to support Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing (OMC). The proposed cohousing should be supported as a project for ecologically and socially sustainable dense cooperative housing, which, as a Ph.D. in urban studies, I can say is a model being adopted widely around the world as an alternative to sprawling growth.

I live in the neighborhood and have been active in creating a sense of community and place here. OMC organizers live adjacent to the property and are invested in the quality of life of the community — I have met them while volunteering to improve the filbert grove, but have never seen constructive contributions from Lara Bovilsky. They own the property; it is not owned by the city or county as part of the Willamette River Greenway. It is not owned by a for-profit property development corporation.

Bovilsky's objections, as articulated in a Viewpoint Sept. 19 in the *Weekly*, appear to be driven by fears rather than dialogues with the community. A review of the OMC project website reveals that they are not property developers along the lines that Bovilsky fears. They are not erecting ugly infill housing like other properties in the area, nor are they proposing huge low-income apartment buildings such as those planned for River Road.

The only objection that I think has merit is the need for 50 parking spaces to serve 28 units. I don't know if this is required by housing regulations, but I would suggest

that the city support the community to adopt a car-sharing model that limits the number of cars needed.

Please show up to the hearing Oct. 2 to support this progressive project.

Clare Strawn
Eugene

NOT PUBLIC LAND

I am confused by Lara Bovilsky's Sept. 19 Viewpoint, "Goodbye Greenway." She asks that we tell the city not to approve any housing or commercial development for this parcel near the Greenway. It would interfere with the views of the river she and her neighbors now have.

If the folks who own the land are not going to be allowed to build their homes or do any other kind of development, it sounds like she wants the city to use our tax money and buy the land in order to keep it pristine, for the benefit of her and her neighbors.

Martin Henner
Eugene

IRRESPONSIBLE HOUSING

The greenway in Eugene should be retained and protected as a green riparian edge to the Willamette River. As such, it serves many important functions, as a "parkland" for all of Eugene, a place of rich wildlife diversity and a filter for water runoff during times of rain. Its trees help cool the environment on warm days and generally help mitigate adverse climatic

conditions. The greenway is wondrous and beautiful in its natural state.

It would be ill-advised and shortsighted to allow the development of the proposed Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing complex in the greenway. If realized, the complex would set an irresponsible precedent for the river's edge.

As Lara Bovilsky expressed in her Sept. 19 viewpoint in the *Eugene Weekly*, "The Willamette Greenway should be our legacy, a treasury of protected natural space."

Nena Lovinger
Board Member
LandWatch Lane County

TRUE COLORS

Dear city of Eugene officials:

We see your true colors shining through. We see your mercy, generosity and grace, and that's why we love you. We see you permitting private landowners to build Conestoga huts. We see your true colors shining through. So don't be afraid to take humane, kind action. We see you opening the way to safe sleeping for all.

We see your true colors, and that's why we love you.

Joanna Brook
Promise Partner
Eugene

A SUPPORTIVE SOCIETY

I wish to thank this wonderful community for all of their support

during my difficult health situation. I cannot express how humbled I feel by the outpouring of support, greetings and messages sent during my recent surgery.

I am fortunate to face this time of my life living in an area with such medical expertise and wish to publicly thank Dr. David Dehaas Jr., and the wonderful staff at RiverBend Hospital. I also thank Dr. Jeff Sharman of Willamette Valley Cancer Institute.

The surgery was very successful at removing most of the cancer, but I will be facing six months of chemotherapy. It has been a slow and long process to identify my medical issues, and I am now on the road to a cure.

Lane County should know that it has developed a society supporting each other when they are down. Again, I cannot adequately express my thanks to everyone for their aid. I look forward to performing again soon.

Paul J. Biondi
Eugene

POWELL IS WAR CRIMINAL

David Jensen (9/19) writes, "If we had more Jake Klonoskis and more Colin Powells, this would be a better world."

I don't know Klonoski's record, but it is well documented that General Colin Powell is a war criminal.

As a young officer, Powell helped cover up the My Lai massacre. Later, he was tasked by War Secretary Caspar Weinberger to help with the Iran-Contra scandal by transferring weapons to the

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